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On dead branches of *Juniperus Virginiana*. New Paltz Landing, N. Y.

**Peziza** (*Mallisia*) **pulviscula**, *Cooke*.—Gregarious, very minute, like grains of sugar, soft, almost tremelloid. Cups globose, then expanded, smooth, pallid, watery yellowish white (0.4 mm. broad) diaphanous, asci cylindrical; sporidia exceedingly minute; spermatoid (.0002' long).

On dead stems of *Phytolacca*. Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

**Uromyces** **Arisæmæ**, *Cooke*.—(*Uredo Ari-Virginici*, *Schw.*,) in part.)—Amphigenous, spots indefinite, scarcely discolored, sori gregarious, sometimes in broken circles or circinate, small, for some time covered with the bullate cuticle, then irregularly ruptured; pseudo-spores obovate, on very short pedicels, ferruginous, with a slight hyaline papilla at the apex.

On leaves of *Arisæma*. Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The spots on which the sori are arranged retain the bright green hue of the living leaf even after it has been for a long time dried.

**Peziza chrysophthalma**, *Ger.*, in Bull. Torrey Club, iv., p. 48, is *P. convexula*, *Persoon*.

**Peziza nigropunctula**, *Gerard*, in Bull. Torrey Club, v., p. 40, is *P. compressa*, *Tul*.

For a correct determination of the above (with a single exception) I am indebted to Dr. M. C. Cooke, through whose hands they have passed by duplicate.

§ 25. **Onoclea sensibilis**.—What is the origin of the specific name of this fern? Without knowing the authorities, I have commonly supposed the name to be derived from its sensitiveness to frost; but in a book of considerable note, "*Conversations on Botany*," 4th Ed., London, Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme and Brown, 1823, on pp. 222, 223, I find the statement:

"There is one species found in North America, called the sensitive fern, *Onoclea sensibilis*, which is said to wither immediately on being touched by the human hand, but to endure the touch of other bodies without being at all injured.

"Sprengel, a German botanist, who wished to prove the truth of this curious circumstance, asserts that he repeated the experiment several times, and always with the same effect."

I question whether the experience of any American botanist will confirm this a leged assertion of Sprengel. I. H. H.

In Rees' Cyclopædia we read, that the barren fronds are "smooth and of a thin texture, so delicate that, as we have heard, the frond soon fades after being drawn through the hand while growing, which Morison also relates on the authority of Simon Paulli."

Our native plants are not usually of "thin texture" and great "delicacy," nor have we ever been able to see the propriety of the name.—[Ebs.]

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